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WE NOTE REPORT OF EGYPTIAN REQUEST TO ESTABLISH CONGEN IN
DJIBOUTI AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR TO MOGADISCIO'S THOUGHT THAT
SIMILAR APPLICATIONS FROM SAUDIS AND OTHER ARAB STATES
MIGHT BE WELCOME (REF C). WHILE PROTECTING AMBASSADOR
MANTEL AS SOURCE OF ABOVE, PLEASE DETERMINE GOF'S RECEPTIV-
ITY TO SIMILAR REQUESTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER CONSERVA-
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TIVE ARAB STATES. (AMBASSADOR PORTER HAS ALREADY DISCUSSED

SUCH A POSSIBILITY WITH SAUDIS, AN IDEA WHICH WE BELIEVE HAS MERIT.) WE BELIEVE SUCH PRESENCE WOULD BE ONE CONTRIBUTION TO STABLE EVOLUTION OF FTAI AND ARE PREPARED TO SUGGEST AS MUCH TO OTHER SELECTED FRIENDLY ARAB GOVERNMENTS UNLESS GOF WOULD NOT WELCOME SUCH REQUESTS. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PARIS VIEWS. KISSINGER

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